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SUBJECT: RIGHTWING PUBLICATION CLOSED

1. SUMMARY: AFTER HAVING CLOSED A NUMBER OF LEFTIST PUBLICATIONS, THE GOA HAS NOW SHUT DOWN A RIGHTWING MAGAZINE. SPECULATION, HOWEVER, IS THAT IT WILL REOPEN SHORTLY UNDER A NEW MANAGEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. ONE OF OUTGOING MINISTER OF INTERIOR LLAMBI'S LAST OFFICIAL ACTS WAS TO SIGN A DECREE ON AUGUST 15 CLOSING THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE PRIMICIA ARGENTINA. EX-PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY EMILIO ABRAS WAS KNOWN TO HAVE A HAND IN DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION'S EDITORIAL LINE, WHICH WAS STRONGLY PRO-LOPEZ REGA AND ANTI-GELBARD. IN ITS LAST EDITION, HOWEVER, PRIMICIA ARGENTINA STRUCK SUCH A SHRILL NOTE AS TO PROMPT SPECULATION THAT ITS EDITORIAL LINE HAD GONE PAST EVEN ABRAS' GUIDELINES. IT RAILED AGAINST GELBARD, FOR EXAMPLE, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARXIST-ZIONIST CLIQUE WHICH WAS SUCKING ARGENTINA'S BLOOD.

3. SOME OBSERVERS CONCLUDED THAT LLAMBI ORDERED THE CLOSING ON HIS OWN AS A PARTING SHOT AT LOPEZ REGA, WHOM HE NEVER DARED

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DEFY WHILE STILL MINISTER. THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER. LLAMBI

LOOKS FORWARD TO AN APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR AND IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THAT APPOINTMENT.

4. IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THE MAGAZINE WAS CLOSED BECAUSE ITS OVERLY STRIDENT FINAL EDITION HAD CAUSED THE GOA, AND LOPEZ REGA, SOME EMBARRASSMENT. WITH ABRAS LEAVING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARYSHIP ANYWAY, IT MAY HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS A CONVENIENT TIME TO TAKE STEPS TO BRING THE PUBLICATION UNDER TIGHTER CONTROL. CLOSING IT DOWN ALSO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF APPEARING TO BALANCE TO SOME DEGREE THE EARLIER CLOSURES OF A NUMBER OF LEFTIST PUBLICATIONS. PRIMICIA ARGENTINA, HOWEVER, LIKE SOME OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH JOURNALS, MAY REAPPEAR AGAIN IN A SHORT TIME UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME AND A NEW MANAGEMENT.

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